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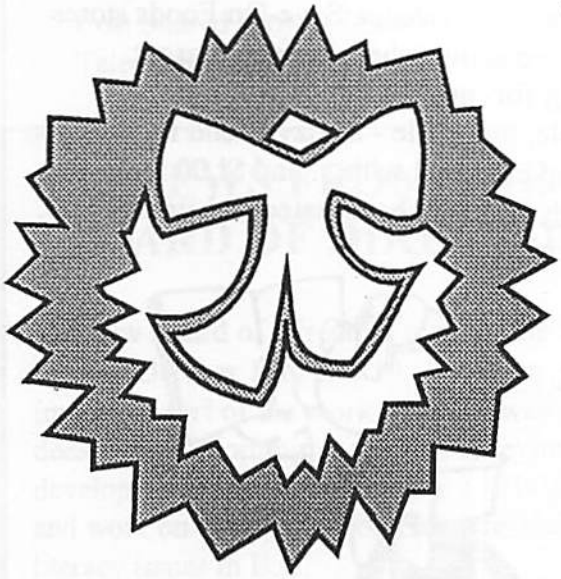
Seasons Greetings



Literacy B.C. would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope that the New Year brings you peace, joy and happiness!

NEWS FROM LITERACY B.C.

No, Literacy B.C. has not disappeared!

We are sorry that it has taken so long to send you a Newsletter. We have a million excuses; busy schedules, meetings, the Peter Gzowski Golf Tournament, public awareness activities, badly needed holidays taken, etc..... thank you for being patient! This edition will be a short one. A huge Newsletter, with all the latest news from across B.C., will be mailed to you early in January.

Special thanks to Overwaitea/Save-On Foods for their continued generous support for the work of Literacy B.C.

Thank you so much for the support, enouragement and commitement you all have given to literacy work in B.C.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Linda Mitchell

A GIFT FOR LITERACY

One final note, Overwaitea/Save-On Foods stores across B.C. are selling their literacy mascot Wormsworth for only $6.88!
He's loveable, huggable - a cozy friend for children to snuggle up and read with.... and $1.00 from each Wormsworth sold will be donated to Literacy B.C. A great gift idea!

A GIFT FOR YOU!

The bookmark attached is a special gift for you from Miriam MacPhail. Miriam is a graphic arts teacher at Camosun College. She has a great interest in literacy. Last year she asked her students to design bookmarks with a literacy theme using each letter of the alphabet. The result is a wonderful set of 26 bookmarks, plus 3 posters.

A set of book marks and 3 posters costs $15.00, including mailing, and can be ordered from:

Project Literacy Victoria
1144 Fort Street
Victoria, B.C. V8V 3K8
381-3755

All the money raised from this project goes to Project Literacy Victoria.

TWO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Canadian Give the Gift of Literacy Foundation Announces 1992 Grants Program

The Canadian Give the Gift of Literacy Foundation was created to help promote literacy in Canada. The Foundation's objectives are to make literacy a high profile issue and to raise money to assist literacy groups within the community.

Canadian non-profit organizations, whose major goal is to further adult literacy in Canada, are eligible for funding. Literacy project requests of up to $5,000 will be considered. The Foundation's priority is the funding of printed materials for the use of adult learners, their teachers, and tutors. The Foundation encourages innovative and creative projects promoting adult literacy. Applications for funding will be reviewed and evaluated by a Grants Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Give the Gift of Literacy Foundation.

Address funding requests to:

Canadian Give the Gift of Literacy Foundation
35 Spadina Road
Toronto, Ontario
M5R 2S9
Telephone: (416) 975-9366
Fax: (416) 975-1839

DEADLINE IS APRIL 30, 1992.

1992-1993 Cost Shared Projects

Application forms and guidelines are being finalized and will be distributed in January.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 2, 1992.

For more information call:

Patty Bossort
Cost Shared Project Liaison
Telephone: (604) 387-6119

Literacy BC, founded in March 1990, is a coalition of people and groups concerned with promoting literacy in B.C.
Our mission is to promote literacy, to support literacy learners, to develop community partnerships and to present a united voice on literacy. We are supported by the Ministry of Multiculturalism & Citizenship, National Literacy Secretariat, and by donations.
Literacy BC welcomes your news and comments by phone, mail or the Adult Literacy Contact Centre's fax, # 684-8520.
We do reserve the right to edit all submissions. This newsletter will be published bi-monthly.

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The new Board of Directors met for the first time on October 18th and 19, 1991. An important part of the work they did was to decide on the committee structure, review and develop goals and objectives for 1991-1992, and work on the Discussion Paper related to literacy issues in B.C.

A copy of this discussion paper is included with this newsletter. Please be sure to send your comments and suggestions - it is very important for the directors to know what you think about this paper.

PUBLIC AWARENESS REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

The next series of media workshops to teach basic public relations skills to local literacy groups and organizations will begin in the new year on the following dates:

FEBRUARY 6, 1992
9am - 5 pm
North Island College
1195D First Avenue
Campbell River, B.C.
To register, call:
Maggie Richardson
339-8910

FEBRUARY 7, 1992
9am - 5pm
Project Literacy Victoria
1144 Fort Street
Victoria, B.C.
To register, call:
Diane Carson
381-3755

FEBRUARY 28, 1992
9am - 5pm
Rendevous Restaurant
240B Oliver Street
Williams Lake, B.C.
To register, call:
Debbie Demare
392-6202

FEBRUARY 29, 1992
9am - 4:30 pm
Lodge Motor Inn
2170 Harvey Avenue
Kelowna, B.C.
To register, call:
Maxine Veach
762-2163

BULLETIN BOARD

CHANGE OF LOCATION
Literacy in the Workplace Workshop (Project Literacy Nanaimo) will be held at:
Coast Bastion Hotel
11 Bastion Street
Nanaimo, B.C.
January 8th, 1992
For more information call,
Carolyn McWhinnie
754-8988

THE LEARNER EVENTS APPLICATION DEADLINE
has been changed to January 31, 1992.
For more information call Patty Bossort at 384-9347.

MOVEMENT FOR CANADIAN LITERACY
The next MCL Annual General Meeting will be Febrauray 8, 1992 in Ottawa.
MCL is asking people to run for their Board of Directors. Nomination forms are available from the Literacy B.C. office or by calling MCL 613-563-2464